

# The Home Journal.

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## HISTORY OF THE PLOW.

The first plow is supposed to have been the rude branch of a tree, cut so as to have a cliff end, the point of which dragged along the surface of the ground, scraped a furrow into which seeds were thrown. It soon occurred to the husbandman that he might relieve his own labor by yoking an animal to the long arm of this primitive instrument; then arose the necessity for a handle, adjoined to the back, so that the plow might be guided. The strength of the animal soon wore away or broke the cliff of the branch, and this necessity gave rise to the invention of means for attaching movable shaves, first of wood, next of stone, copper, or iron, worked to a shape adapted to the cutting of furrows, so as to avoid the excessive labor arising from the plowman's having to lean upon the plow with all his weight, to press it into the earth. Just such an implement as this feature indicates, was used by the Saxons. Some of the facts connected with the history of the plow are almost incredible. In Ireland there once prevailed a custom of plowing by the horse's tail. The dray pole was hewed to the tail of the horse, and, as no harness was employed, two men were necessary, one to guide and press upon the plow, the other to direct the horse, which he did by walking backwards before the miserable animal, and beating it on the head on either side, according to the direction required. This custom prevailed for a considerable time, in spite of laws which was passed in the early part of the seventeenth century, imposing severe penalties upon persons found guilty of "plowing the horse's tail," as in the act mentioned and described. From the Rev. George Orway's "Sketches in Eris and Tyrawley," it appears that the barbarous practice lingered in the remote west of Ireland as late as the year 1810. And from a paper "On the breed of horses in Scotland in the Ancient Times," printed in the first volume of the "Transactions of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland," we find that the same custom was practiced in that country as late as the year 1702.—*Progress of Agriculture.*

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